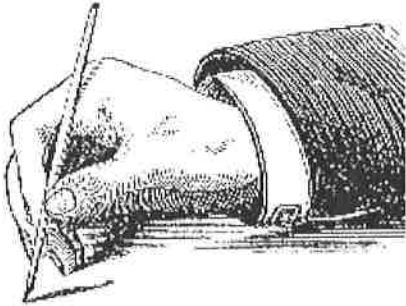


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Creating Claims and Evidence Practice

Learning Target: Students will create claims and counterclaims based on each article. They will then support each claim using evidence from the text.

Article: Do we still need handwriting?



By Seanna Adcox | Associated Press

If most writing is done on keyboards, do we need to learn handwriting? At least one state has plans to make it the law.

South Carolina wants to require schools to teach students how to write in cursive by fifth grade.

The main sponsor, Rep. Dwight Loftis, contends students still need handwriting skills despite the increase in digital communications. It's not just about writing beautifully or artfully. Practical uses include being able to write faster than when writing in print, he said.

"Critics say you don't need cursive writing anymore because everything is digital," said Loftis. "But both cursive and typing should be taught. My teenage grandson can't sign his name in cursive."

He held up thank-you cards he received from high school graduates to prove students no longer know how.

Research clearly shows that writing cursive stimulates the brain, says Dino Teppara of the South Carolina's Education Department.

Claim:	Counterclaim:
Textual Evidence:	Textual Evidence: